GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:648
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001
INTAKE OF ROLLING STOCK
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there were provisions in the Railway Budget for 23,000 rolling stock intake during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given order for manufacturing of wagons to any of the wagon manufacturing companies, both in public and private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Out of the budget provision of 23000 wagons in terms of four wheeler units, 17000 wagons were to be procured under Railways' own resources and the remaining 6000 wagons were to be procured under Own your Wagon Scheme (OYWS)/Build-on-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Schemes. All the wagon building units were having an outstanding wagon order of about 10000 FWUs as on 1.4.2001, including 2460 wagons in terms of four wheeler units (FWUs) ordered under +30% optionclause against 2000-01 contracts both on private sector and public sector units as per Appendix. Another 2000 FWUs has been ordered on Railway Workshops.Thus the total coverage for 2001-02 requirement is about 12000 FWUs.

(d) Initially certain vigilance checks were conducted on wagons where it was found that a manufacturer had used cheaper mild steel in place of corten steel being supplied by Railways to wagon manufacturers as free supply item. In the process of inspection by Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), use of mild steel in place ofcorten steel was detected in the factory premises of two more wagon manufacturers. Recent vigilance checks show that few more manufacturers have also been found to have used mild steel in place of specified corten steel in manufacturing of wagons. It has, therefore, become necessary to carry out more joint comprehensive checks on all wagon manufacturers in order to assess the quantum and magnitude of the problem before release of further orders. RDSO have been asked to complete the investigations expeditiously.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.648 DATED 26.7.2001

PENDING ORDERS ON WAGON MANUFACTURING FIRMS AS ON 1.4.2001

wheeler (Figures units) in four

S.NO	Name of the firm	Spill over outstanding order as on 1.4.2001	Option Quantity 30% already exercised	Total Load as on 1.4.2001
1.	Bharat Wagon Engineering Co. Ltd.,Muzaffarpur	287.5	435	722.5
2.	Bharat Wagon Engineering Co. Ltd., Mokameh	565	217.5	782.5

3. BRAITHWAITE & Co. Ltd., Kolkatta	585	0	585
4. Burn Standard Co., Ltd., Burnpur	0	440	440
5. Burn Standard Co., Ltd., Howrah.	1075	297.5	1372.5
6. JESSOPS & Co. Ltd.,Kolkatta	277.5	120	397.5
7. Southern Structurals Ltd., Chennai.	405	0	405
8. Bridge & Roof, Kolkatta	150	37.5	187.5
Total Public sector units	3345	1547.5	4892.5
9. TEXMACO Ltd, Kolkatta.	0	150	150
10. MODERN Industries,Sa hibabad	242.5	187.5	430
11. Hindustan Development Corpn. Kolkatta	2457.5	0	2457.5
12. BESCO Ltd., Kolkatta	960	420	1380
13. TITAGARH Steels Ltd., Kolkatta	730	155	885
14. BINNY Engg Ltd., Chennai.	2.5	0	2.5
Total Private sector units	4392.5	912.5	5305
Total Industry	7737.5	2460	10197.5
Developmental orders	135	0	135
OYWS (BTPGLN)	45	0	45
Total Industry	7917.5	2460	10377.5